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SUBJECT: DDI Briefing of General A. Heusinger

1. FYI, and record, on 22 September General A. Heusinger, and General C. Kuehleink were briefed by KUCHAP personnel. Included in the group were Messrs. R. Amory, D. Godfrey, [ ] [ ] and [ ]. The briefing was held at General C. Kuehleink's house, under very pleasant circumstances, between three and five p.m.

2. Major areas briefed on were: Laos, Algeria, and the Congo. There is no need to recap main points since the briefings, with some updating followed main lines of DDI appreciations and estimates contained in latest NIEs and ONE memoranda.

3. Following the more formal briefings, the discussion turned to broader East/West matters with several incursions into the Berlin situation. General Heusinger made the following interesting observations obviously with a point:

a. If West had taken immediate action on 13 August to tear down barricades in Berlin, the East Germans and Soviets would probably have backed down.

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b. The West needs to keep in mind that Soviet strategic capabilities -- particularly the aircraft capability -- is still relatively weak, and no match for the West's strategic deterrence. His position stringly implied that the West had more strings in its negotiating bow than is generally appreciated.

4. It appeared that General Heusinger (and General Kuehleln) appreciated and benefited from the briefing. In a follow-up telephone call, General Kuehleln indicated that further requests for briefing of General Heusinger could be expected, probably at one to two month intervals.

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